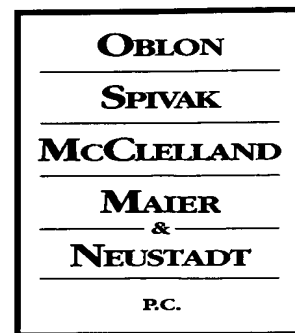


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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ETHYLENE-VINYL
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Group Art Unit: 1713
Examiner: HARLAN, R.D.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.312

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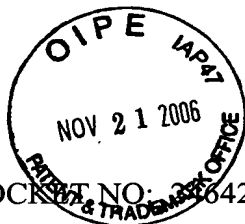
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, please amend the claims as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.